

4. **Additional Conferences.** Upon request of counsel, or at the Court's own initiative, additional case-management or status conferences may be scheduled.
5. **Early Resolution of Issues.** The Court recognizes that, in some cases, resolution of one or more preliminary issues may remove a significant impediment to settlement or otherwise expedite resolution of the case. Counsel are encouraged to identify any such issues and to make appropriate motions at an early stage in the litigation.
6. **Pretrial Conference.** Lead trial counsel are required to attend any pretrial conference.

Leo T. Sorokin
United States District Judge

By: /s/ Mariliz Montes
Deputy Clerk